दीजिए। उन्होंने इस आधार पर वहां शक्कर नहीं दी और राज्य के पास कम मात्रा में लेवी शुगर पहुंची। तो उस समस्या का समाधान आप कैसे निकाल रहे हैं?

श्री अजीत सिंह: महोदय, जैसा सांसद महोदय ने कहा, यह सही है कि जो नयी मिलें हैं, उनके पास 100 प्रतिशत फ्री सेल शुगर है, उनके ऊपर लेवी शुगर नहीं है और ऐसा उनकी जानकारी में है कि किसी मिल को ऐसा आदेश दिया गया, जिस पर लेवी शुगर नहीं लगनी है कि वह लेवी शुगर सप्लाई करे तो हम जरूर जांच करेंगे लेकिन किसी राज्य से हमें ऐसी शिकायत नहीं मिली है कि उनको लेवी शुगर नहीं मिल रही है।

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी: महाराष्ट्र का मैं उदाहरण दूंगा।

श्री अजीत सिंह: दीजियेगा।

श्री गया सिंह: मंत्री महोदय ने जो सवालों का जवाब दिया है उससे लोग संतुष्ट नहीं हैं। मैं उसमें एक बात यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो आप प्रोक्योरमेंट कर रहे हैं गेहूं का और चावल का उसमें आप कह रहे हैं चार्जेज बढ़ रहे हैं लेकिन गोदामों में जो माल रखा हुआ है क्या आपने इसका भी हिसाब लगाया है कि गेहूं रेनी सीजन में पानी के कारण बर्बाद हो जाता है उसको हटाने में जो लेबर कास्ट लगती है वह चार्जेज भी उसमें जोड़े जाते हैं?

श्री अजीत सिंह: जितना स्टोरेज में वेस्टेज है और दूसरे कारण से वेस्टेज है वह चार्जेज भी उसमें इंक्लूड है। प्रतिवर्ष जितना स्पॉयलेज पीछे हुआ है वह अब प्रतिवर्ष कम होता जा रहा है।

*105. *[The questioner (Shri Mohammed Afzal alias Meem Afzal) was absent. For answer, vide col. 35 infra.]*

Joint Committee for Monitoring the M.Ps.' Local Area Development Scheme

*106 SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the large and important nature of the Scheme of M.Ps.' Local Area Development whether Government will consider establishing a permanent Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament to look into the Scheme from time to time on the lines of the Employment Guarantee Scheme Committee of the Maharashtra Legislature;

(b) if so, when and how; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider it worthwhile to study the set up of Maharashtra Committee to take some benefit from it, if found suitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The objectives of the Employment Guarantee Scheme of Maharashtra are entirely different from those of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme and hence the requirements of monitoring mechanism for the two schemes need not be identical. There is no proposal presently under the consideration of the Government for establishing a permanent Joint Committee of both the Houses of Parliament to look into Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme on the lines of Employment Guarantee Scheme Committee of the Maharashtra Legislature.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Sir, my suggestion is that on the lines of the Employment Guarantee Scheme Joint Committee of the Maharashtra Legislature, which has been functioning so well for the last 20 years, a committee of both the Houses of Parliament should be set up and the Government should consider this proposal. Sir, without even studying how the Maharashtra Committee has functioned, the hon. Minister has dismissed my proposal saying that the objectives are different. Sir, I want to say that even the objectives are not at all different. In the EGS Committee of Maharashtra, the objective is creating

local assets and giving guaranteed employment. Here in the MPLADS the objective is the same, creating local assets and giving employment plus incidentals. The only thing is that it may not be there. But the basic objective is there. Mrs. Indira Gandhi, everybody, has praised the Maharashtra Scheme. Now the hon. Minister has an Additional Secretary, who has herself seen the implementation of the EGS. Now the Minister is saying he has no proposal before him. Will the Minister take up this proposal of mine and consider whether the Government would like to appoint a Joint Committee of both the Houses of Parliament to monitor the Scheme?

SHR GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, we have got information regarding the Maharashtra Committee, which was constituted to monitor the Employment Guarantee Scheme. The objectives are identical. But the question is relating to a Joint Parliamentary Committee. While the Maharashtra Government has got the untied-fund scheme for the MLAs, it does not have a committee constituted in the Assembly to look after or to monitor or to get the information on the implementation of the untied fund scheme for the MLAs. What I have given in my statement is that it need not be identical. But the objectives are similar, creating assets in the rural areas. At this stage, it is not possible for us because it has to get off the ground because it is a new scheme altogether. Recently, we decided that we will connect the terminal of the Parliament House with the terminals of the districts through the NIC network. So, through the NIC network we will get the information from each and every district on this scheme. Sir, at present, there is no proposal before the Government for establishing a Joint Parliamentary Committee.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Sir, the Minister has said, "At present, there is no such proposal." If there is no such proposal at present, will the hon. Minister consider this proposal from 11.25 a.m.? onwards? Sir, this is not my second supplementary.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, it is for the House to decide about it.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Sir, I thank the Minister for assuring this House.

Sir, part (a) of my second supplementary is this. Sir, different agencies at local level, who are looking after the M.Ps.' Local Area Development Scheme, are functioning very, very slow. Many of the hon. Members will agree with me. In 1993-94, Rs. 5 lakhs were released. Sir, these Rs. 5 lakhs have still not been expended and assets have not been created so far. In 1994-95, Rs. 1 crore was sent to the District Collector. But still nothing has come up. This year, in 1995-96, Rs. 50 lakhs have already been sent to the District Collector. But, still nothing has been done. Sir, they have got their local norms. They are functioning according to the local and other State Government norms. They are functioning very slow. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what steps he is taking to see that these agencies function quickly. This is part (a) of my supplementary. The part (b) of my supplementary is this. Sir, all the money is lying with the District Collector and he is keeping it in some account. What about the interest? He is earning Rs. 80 lakhs yearly. In 1994-95, on Rs. 1 crore, he earned an interest of Rs. 80 lakhs. What will happen to this amount? Will the interest of Rs. 80 lakhs be added to the fund so that we can give more proposals?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, according to the report received by the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation from the District Collectors, the progress of expenditure is by and large slow, but it is picking up. As you know, Sir, this Scheme was started by the Department of Rural

Development in 1993-94. In 1993-94, Rs. 5 lakhs were released for each Member of Parliament and in the subsequent year the amount was increased to Rs. 1 crore. Sir, in the month of October, 1994 this programme was transferred to the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation. Sir, we have revised this Scheme and have added some new components. Sir, I have already sent the new Scheme and the guidelines to each and every Member of Parliament. Sir, there was some delay in the implementation of this Scheme due to elections in some States. Earlier, the release of fund by the Department of Rural Development was routed through the State Governments. In 1993-94, Rs. 5 lakhs was routed through the State Governments. But, in the next year the amount was directly sent to the District Collectors. Now, we have added three new components in the new Scheme. According to the new guidelines, the fund is not lapsable and secondly the proposal should not be routed through the State Government and the amount should be directly released to the District Collectors. The third component is that the District Collector would inform us about the implementation of the Scheme so that we can release the fund on instalment basis, on the basis of the achievement and progress made on each and every scheme. Sir, it is a very difficult job. I have to receive the report from each and every District Collector. Therefore, we thought that we would connect the terminal with every district through the NIC network so that we can receive the reports from the District Collectors. Recently, we have written to the District Collectors regarding the proposals of the Members of Parliament including the suggestion made by the hon. Member regarding the interest and also about the money that has been released so far. However, no decision has been taken, so far about the interest money. The progress is picking up. I am not claiming that because of the new schemes, we will be successful in implementing it. The deficiencies that are there can be rectified on the basis of information received from the Collector.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: If the progress is slow, we will suffer. If the progress is slow, we will not get our money. In view of the Minister's reply, it is all the more necessary to form a joint standing committee of both Houses of Parliament. The progress is slow because of the fault of the Collector and because of the fault of the District Planning Officer. We will not get our money. Something should be done in this regard ...*(Interruptions)*...What about the interest? The Minister has not told us about the interest accruing to the funds. Mr. Chairman, will you please ask the Minister to tell us about the interest?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will the Minister answer the question on the interest, please?...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Mr. Minister, do you have any serious objection to the setting up of a joint committee? I am leaving this matter to the Chairman...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: I have no objection...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, last time, regarding the shortage of railway wagons, you were authorised by the Minister concerned and you agreed to set up a committee. This scheme is named after the Members of Parliament. On account of ensuing elections, we are facing a lot of problems at the district level. Funds are not released. I intimated, last year, that Jaipur was my district. Now, again, you are asking, your Ministry is asking: 'Please give the choice of your district.' I gave it last year and again you are asking for it...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: According to Seshan's model code of conduct, because of elections, work will be stopped for three months. During the Assembly elections Maharashtra, no work was done in De-

cember, January, February and March...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: The Minister has no objection. He has left the matter to our discretion. He has no objection...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Humbly I submit that I had stated then that it was too early to set up a committee. That is my Ministry's view. The Speaker, Lok Sabha will consider the issue. Whatever changes are made or whatever policy changes are made, that has to be brought to the notice of the Speaker as per the guidelines. I will discuss it with him. But it is the prerogative of the Members whether to have a joint parliamentary committee or not. I have no objection. But, it is too early....*(Interruptions)*...

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Can you give us a positive assurance that there will be a joint committee...*(Interruptions)*... We are thankful to the Minister for assuring the House...*(Interruptions)*... What about the interest?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, you have to answer about the interest...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: The interest is there with the Collector. That will also be accounted for...*(Interruptions)*...

Welcome to parliamentary delegation from Morocco.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have an announcement to make:

We have with us, seated in the Special Box, Members of a Parliamentary delegation from Morocco, currently on a visit to our country under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Jalal Essaid, President of the House of Representatives of Morocco.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to the Leader and other Members of the delegation and wish our distinguished guests an enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay here, they would be able to see and learn more about and Parliamentary system, our country and our people and their visit to this country will further strengthen the friendly bond that exists between India and Morocco. Through them we convey our greeting and best wishes to the house of Representatives and the friendly people of Morocco.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTION —CONTD.

Q. No. 106—contd.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: We will set in motion the procedure... *(Interruption)*...

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Sir, this is Question Hour. We also have our points ...*(Interruptions)*...Let them not disturb the Question Hour...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, the Minister has left the matter to you ...*(Interruptions)*...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we want a House Committee ...*(Interruptions)*...

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Sir, this is Question Hour. They cannot do like this ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR CHAIRMAN: The Minister has given an assurance. We will follow it up ...*(Interruptions)*... He has given an assurance ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: You please give a direction ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: For the last two years, we have been receiving letters ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR CHAIRMAN: I identified Mr. Fernandes. Mr. Agarwal, you please sit down ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: I am not yielding. Mr. Chairman, I have to compliment the hon. Members for raising this question. The dispute here is whether

the hon. Members for raising this question. The dispute here is whether the Minister can appoint a JPC or not. (don't think it is within the jurisdiction of the Minister to appoint such a Committee. It is the jurisdiction of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

I compliment the Government for throwing open this Scheme because this has opened the eves of the Members of Parliament as to how the bureaucracy is functioning. I have been saying in this House that they are having a FWD manual which is 100 years old and nothing can be done under this manual. This is an example of how the Members of Parliament are experiencing the bureaucratic red-tapism. Therefore, it is most appropriate that we demand a Joint Parliamentary Committee to see that the money given to the Members of Parliament is actually spent according to their recommendations ...(*Interruptions*)...Therefore, I would request the hon. Chairman to see that a Committee is appointed on the pattern of the Committee on Government Assurances. A time-limit may be fixed and the District Administration may be asked to see that the schemes are implemented in time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will take up the matter with the Speaker. I will consult the Speaker and follow the procedure.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Thank you very much, Sir.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंहः मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार ने जो पैसे हम लोगों को दिए हैं...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सतीश अग्रवालः पैसे तो दिए ही हैं आपके माध्यम से काम कराने के, आप नहीं करा पाए वह अलग बात है।

...(**व्यवधान**)...

मैं मंत्री जी से कहना चाहता हं कि बहुत सी राज्य सरकारें, खासकेर बिहार में जो डिस्ट्रिक्ट मैजिस्ट्रेट हैं, जो डिप्टी डेवलपमेंट कमिश्नर, डी०डी०सी० हैं ये लोग पैसे का दुरुपयोग कर रहे हैं। दुरुपयोग की सीमा यहां तक है कि जो सदस्य जिस काम की कोई अनुशंसा नहीं करते हैं उस काम को भी उस पैसे से किया जा रहा है। मेरे खुद के पैसे का ऐसा इस्तेमाल जमोई के डी०डी०सी० ने किया है ...(**व्यवधान**)... मैं यह आपकी नोटिस में ला रहा हूं और पूरे विश्वास से ला रहा हूं। मैं कल ही अपने इलाके से आया हूं और डिस्ट्रिक्ट मैजिस्ट्रेट के मना करने के बाद उसने किया क्योंकि डिस्ट्रिक्ट मैजिस्ट्रेट को यह जानकारी थी कि इस पैसे के लिए मैंने कोई रिकमेंडेशन नहीं की है। मैं आपसे सीधा सवाल पूछना चाह रहा हूं कि ऐसे अधिकारियों के खिलाफ भारत की सरकार और आपका मंत्रालय कौन सा कदम उठाएगा... (**व्यवधान**)...यह हुआ है। मैं मंत्री से सवाल कर रहा हूं और आप पहले जवाब दे रहे हैं।

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालियाः क्या उस पैसे पर आपका नाम लिखा हुआ है।

श्री दिग्विजय सिंहः हां...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालियाः उस पैसे पर कोई नाम नहीं लिखा हुआ है। यह गलत बयानी है। (**व्यवधान**)

श्री दिग्विजय सिंहः ये तो कमाल के लोग हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order in the House, please...(*interruptions*)....

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:*

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: This will be off the record....(*interruptions*)....Mr. Singh and Mrs. Sinha, this will be off the record. It is not going on record. Please sit down. Mr. Singh, this kind of an argument should not be there in the House, especially with an hon. lady Member...(*interruptions*)... Now. Mr. Minister.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, we have received this informaltion from an hon. Member of this House for the first time. If he gives to me the details of the specific incident in writing, I will enquire into the matter. Sir, the issue involved here is of a general nature. The Collectors in the initial stages had experienced certain difficulties because the guidelines were changed. Firstly, there

*Not recorded.

Sometimes, it takes time for the Collectors also to interpret these guildiens so as to implement the Scheme. The hon. Member has raised a specific matter pertaining to his constituency. If he gives me in writing, will inquire into it.

प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: मेंबर्स का पैसा, मेंबर्स की बिना मर्जी के खर्च हो रहा है, इस का क्या जवाब है?

श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: सभापति जी, मैं माननीय सदस्य के प्रश्न से अपने को सम्बद्ध करती हूं। ऐसा हो रहा है। मेरी दी हुई सूची को वहां के अधिकारियों ने, जो आर०डी०एस० का काम करनेवाले लोग हैं, उन्होंने बदल दिया है। मैंने डिस्ट्रिक्ट मजिस्ट्रेट को जो सूची रिसीव कराई थी, उस सूची में उन्होंने खुद तब्दीली कर दी है और तब्दीली करने के बाद जो ढाई किलोमीटर रोड मैंने लिखा था, उस के बजाय एक किलोमीटर बनाकर उस के ऊपर लीपा-पोती कर दी है। अभी तक हमारी एक करोड़ की जो पहली राशि पहुंची है उस को भी हम एक्जॉस्ट नहीं कर पा रहे हैं। अधिकारी गोलमाल कर रहे हैं। आप बिल्कुल ठीक कह रहे हैं। मैं उत्तर प्रदेश के मुजफ्फरनगर जिले की यह बात स्पष्ट रूप से आप को बता रही हूं। इस पर आप क्या कार्यवाही करेंगे? मेरी जो सूची बदली गयी है, उस के बारे में आप जानकारी करेंगे कि वह क्यों बदली गयी है?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, I have been receiving in my Ministry various suggestions for improvement as well as complaints about certain deficiencies in the implementation of this Scheme, sometimes from the hon. Members and sometimes from the Collectors also. We will inquire into the matters, brought to my notice, whether in writing or otherwise, by the hon. Members and by the Collectors and we will accordingly write to the Collectors about the measures that they have to take. In the meantime, I request the hon. Members of Rajya Sabha that they should indicate their choice of Districts to be taken up for implementation of this Scheme every year. Unless we receive this information, there will be a problem about the release of funds, were certain guidelines. After some time, the guidelines were changed, particularly when the hon. Members change their preference of Districts, because then we have to bring back the money from the Collectors of Districts indicated earlier and send them to the other Collectors. So, if the rest of the hon. Members, those who have not yet sent their options, could send their choice of Districts, we will release the money. In the case of Lok Sabha Members, we have already released Rs. 50 lakhs for each Member. But in the case of Rajya Sabha Members, we are still lagging behind so far as the release of funds is concerned.

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Sir, I have chosen Madras city for utilisation of this fund. The situation is very bad there. All these days we were being asked to contact the Collector, Madras for implementation of this scheme. Ten days ago, I received a letter stating that the Collector has nothing to do with this matter and that I should contact the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras. So, again there is an order that we have to contact the Commissioner. I want to know from the hon. Minister what the guidelines are as far as major corporations in metropolitan cities are concerned, for implementation of this Scheme. Is it the Collector or the Commissioner that we have to get in touch with? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: In the guidelines, we have mentioned "the Collector".

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: But, here, I have received this letter. I will show it to you..(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: You send it to me. Obviously, there is a need for a Parliamentary committee to supervise the Scheme.

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Sir, what has happened is that ten days ago I received this letter stating that the Collector has nothing to do with this and that we have to contact the Commissioner now. It is from the same office. (*Interruptions*)

श्री वीरेन्द्र कटारिया: चैयरमेन साहब, मैं आप का शुक्रिया अदा करता हूं कि आप ने मुझे सवाल पूछने का मौका दिया। किस तरीके से डिस्ट्रिक्ट मजिस्ट्रेट के आफिस में एक क्लर्क को हमारे मामलों को निपटाने के लिए लगा दिया जाता है, उस की मिसाल मैं आप को बताना चाहता हूं और वजीर साहब से पूछना चाहता हूं कि...

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मैंने लिखा है कि पांच लाख रुपया म्युनिसिपल कमेटी, अबोहर को गलियों के सुधार के लिए, फुटपाथ और नालियां बनाने के लिए फार द वीकर सैक्शंस आफ् द सोसायटी उनको जो वार्ड हैं उनको दिया जाए, तो जिन्होंने इसको डील किया है उसमें उन्होंने लिखा है कि बीकर सैक्शंस आफ् द सोसायटी को देने का कोई प्रोविज़न नहीं हैं, स्कीम में ऐसा कोई प्रोविज़न नहीं है, इसलिए मेरी वह दरख्वास्त बंद कर दी गई। तो मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि किस तरीके से इस स्कीम को डिस्ट्रिक्ट लैवल पर इम्प्लीमेंट किया जाता है इसको रेव्यू करने की बड़ी जरूरत है। इसके अलावा पिछले साल जब साल बंद होने लगा तब पैसा दिया गया। पिछले साल एट द फैग एंड आफ् द ईयर पैसा दिया गया। Now in the month of August which is the eighth month of the year, we are being asked as to which district we would like to opt for. If this is the interest taken by the Government, then this scheme will serve no purpose.

मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि वह कोई ऐसी प्रोपोज़ल करेंगे कि अगर हमने अपना डिस्ट्रिक्ट बदलना हुआ तब हम खुद इत्तलाह देंगे, अदरवाइज़ वह स्कीम जो हमने पहले दी हुई है वह जारी रहेगी। मैं मिनिस्टर साहब से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या वह इस प्रोपोज़ल को मानेंगे?

†[शेरी वीरेन्द्र कटारिया: "जारी": और वजीर साहब से पूछना चाहता हूं। मैं ने लिखा है कि पांच लाख रुपये म्युनिसपल कमेटी "अबोहर" की गलियों में सड़क सुधार के लिये फुट पाथ और नालियां बनाने के लिये "फार द वीकर सैक्शन आफ् द सोसायटी" उनको जो वार्ड हैं उनको दिया जाये। तो जिन्होंने इसको डील किया है उसमें उन्होंने लिखा है कि वीकर सैक्शंस आफ् द सोसायटी को देने का कोई प्रोविज़न नहीं है, स्कीम में ऐसा कोई प्रोविज़न नहीं है। इसलिये मेरी वह दरख्वास्त बंद कर दी गई। तो मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि किस तरीके से इस स्कीम को डिस्ट्रिक्ट लैवल पर इम्पलीमेंट किया जाता है इसको रेव्यू करने की बड़ी जरूरत है। इसके अलावा पिछले साल जब साल बंद होने लगा तब पैसा दिया गया। पिछले साल एट द फैग एंड आफ् द ईयर पैसा दिया गया।]

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†[] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

میں منتری مہودے سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں وہ کوئی ایسی پریپوزل کریں گے کہ اگر ہم نے اپنا ڈسٹرکٹ بدلنا ہو تو اب ہم خود اطلاع دیں گے۔ "ادر وائز" وہ اسکیم جو ہم نے پہلے دی ہوئی ہے وہ جاری رہیگی۔ میں منسٹر صاحب سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ کیا وہ اس پریپوزل کو مانیں گے؟

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, because of some difficulties we have requested the hon. Members of Rajya Sabha to opt for a district. We send cheques to District Collectors, but in the meantime if the hon. Member wants to change the name of the district, then it would be difficult for us to withdraw the money. Some hon. Members have got both District Collectors and Commissioners. They can opt for whoever they want to for releasse of money. All these schemes will have to be implemented on the basis of prioritisation.

It is not only the Collector but also the State Government which are responsible for implementing this scheme. These scheme are implemented through Government Departments, i.e., Block Office in the rural areas. There is co-ordination and co-opcration between the municipalities and the implementing departments.

. Sir, the hon. Member said that if a Member does not opt for a new sheme, then the scheme which he had opted for in the previous year should be followed. I will examine it. The Members of Rajya Sabha have got a number of districts whereas the Lok Sabha Members have got only one district in their constituency. If the Rajya Sabha Members indicate the name of district then it will be easier for us. I will examine as to how it will be done. There will be no problem for my Ministry in releasing money. We always face such type of problems in my Ministry and in the Ministry of Rural Development.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सभापति जी, यह एक बिल्कुल नई योजना है और इसीलिए अलग-अलग प्रदेशों के सांसदों का बिल्कुल अलग-अलग अनुभव आ रहा है। कहीं-कही डिप्टी कमिश्नर्स एम०पी० की इच्छा का पूरा आदर करते हुए उनको परवान चढ़ा रहे हैं और कहीं-कहीं वह समीक्षा समिति तक में एम०पीज़ को बैठने नहीं देते हैं, जाने पर भी निकाल देते हैं और बहुत जगह यह हो रहा है कि डी०सीज़ हमारी योजनाओं के पूरा होने के बाद दूसरी पार्टी के एम०एल०ए० को बुला कर उसका पत्थर लगा कर उद्घाटन करवा देते हैं। जिस एम०पी० के पैसे से योजना बनी है उसको सूचना तक नहीं देते कि तुम्हारी योजना पूरी हो गई। इसी तरह से कुछ व्यवहारिक कठिनाइयां आ रही हैं। जैसे लिखा गया है कि इक्विपमेंट नहीं ले सकते। एक अस्पताल है और उसमें ई०सी०जी० मशीन देनी है। अस्पताल के पास ई०सी०जी० मशीन खरीदने के लिए पैसा नहीं है। सरकारी अस्पताल है। वहां अस्पताल के सारे डाक्टरों ने उसको चलाना है। लेकिन लिखा दिया गया कि इक्विपमेंट इसमें नहीं आता इसलिए नहीं दे सकते। तो बहुत सी ऐसी कठिनाइयां इसके अंदर आ रही हैं, कार्यान्वयन में भी आ रही हैं और जो गाइडलाईन्स दी गई हैं दिशा-निर्देशों में भी आ रही हैं। मेरा यह अनुरोध है कि बहुत अच्छा सुझाव दिया था प्रश्नकर्ता ने जिसको पहले खारिज किया बाद में थोड़ा आश्वासन दिया कि इसमें दोनों सदनों की संयुक्त समिति की भी आवश्यकता नहीं है। मेरा आपसे अनुरोध है कि आप केवल राज्य सभा के सांसदों की अपने सभापतित्व में अलग से एक कमेटी बनाएं अपने निर्देशों से। डिप्टी चेयरमैन उसकी अध्यक्ष हो सकती हैं। आप अपने राज्यसभा की एक अलग से संसदीय समिति बनाएं। स्पीकर साहब लोकसभा की अलग से बना लेंगे। कहीं यह जरूरत नहीं है कि संयुक्त सदन की, दोनों सदन की संयुक्त समिति बननी चाहिए। तो मेरा आपसे अनुरोध है कि मिनिस्टर के आश्वासन की भी आवश्यकता नहीं है, एम०पीज़ आपके नीचे हैं, यह योजना स्पीकर और चेयरमैन के नीचे है, तो सारे सदन की तरफ से मैं यह गुजारिश करना चाहती हूं कि आप स्वयं आगे बढ़कर के इसमें राज्यसभा की एक समिति का गठन करें, जिसमें इन तमाम मामलात को हम लोग लेकर उनका समाधान कर सके। यही मुझे कहना है।

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी: यह बहुत अच्छा सुझाव है। आप ही एपायंट कर दीजिए राज्यसभा की समिति, सर।

MR. CHAIRMAN: A little while ago there was a general demand for a Joint Committee. *(Interruptions)*

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी: सर, आप अपने हाऊस की कमेटी बना लीजिए।

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Sir, if there are any specific instances in respect of the attitude of Collectors or Deputy Commissioners while implementing the Scheme, where they have asked the MPs to sit outside, it would be easier for me if they are brought to my notice to ascertain the facts. Now, Sir, there are two different views. One is of having a joint Committee and the other is a Committee of Members consisting only from Rajya Sabha to look into the matter and to take appropriate decisions after looking into it.

As you have rightly mentioned, we will discuss with the Speaker as to what should be the major changes in the guidelines. I will have to have prior permission of the Speaker because the Speaker is also involved in this. These are prepared on the basis of consultations of the leaders of all the political parties who were present in the meeting. I was also present in that. The Speaker gave specific guidelines indicating what to do and what not to do and what should be the role of the implementing agency. A Joint parliamentary Committee or a committee as suggested by the hon. Members is not there is the guidelines. It will be improper for me to give any commitment unless decided by the House or by the Speaker or by yourself, Sir, as to the lines on which this has to be done. It is premature to consider a Joint Committee and I have given reasons for this also because that should be connected with the monitoring agency at different levels, including district Collectors, to NIC, to Parliament House. This is through the NIC network. The information comes from each and every Collector. That will be ready within one week's time. It is under process. I will inform the Collectors. They have to give the feed back through the district network which is linked with the NIC system. It will be easier for us to have information on each and every scheme. As regards other related issues which will come from the network, it is for the House to decide. From my side, why should I object? But the point is, these are new schemes which are to be first understood by the implementing agency and then it would be easier for co-ordination at the district level and at the Ministry level. It is of use for me also to get all the information. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, he is a very good Minister. We should not harass him beyond this point. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: We go on to the next Question No. 107. Shri Bhupinder Singh Mann.

*107. *[The questioner (Shri Bhupinder Singh Mann) was absent for answer vide col. 35 infra.]*

Sale price of wheat in open market fixed by FCI

*108. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sale price of wheat in open market fixed by Food Corporation of India for its own stock of wheat;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sale price of wheat in Gujarat is higher by Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 as compared to the price offered to Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(c) if the freight is a factor for difference in sale prices then the reasons for uniformity in sale price for Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(d) the place from where wheat is supplied to various States?